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POLREP No.: POLREP 7

## II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	A537
Response Authority:	CERCLA
CERCLIS No.:	MID 052 500 261
NPL Status:	No
Start Date:	November 4, 1996
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

## III. SITE INFORMATION

A.Incident Category: Time Critical Removal Action at an Inactive  
Production Facility that Reconditioned  
Industrial Electrical Components

## B.Site Description and Location

## 1. Site location

The J.E. Berger (JEB) site is located at 5300 Bellevue Street in Detroit, Michigan in a mixed commercial and residential area. The geographical coordinates for the site are 42°22'26.7 North latitude and 83°01'40.4" West longitude. The area of concern (AOC [5300 Bellevue Street]) is a small portion of interconnecting warehouses that were part of the Packard Automobile Plant until the late 1940's. The building's interior is contaminated with PCBs.

Please refer to the initial POLREP for more detailed information.

#### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

##### A. Situation

###### 1. Current situation

Removal/disposal of hazardous debris is ongoing. Geoprobe operations begin to assess potential PCB contamination in soil beneath the cement floor. Dismantling of varnish vessels and fuel tanks continues. Standing water, from the floors, is containerized to prevent freezing and slip hazards.

###### 2. Removal activities to date

On 1-6-97, Geoprobe soil and concrete sampling conducted. Re-mobilized from holiday break. Began to cut-up varnish vessels and paint booth for disposal as contaminated debris.

On 1-7-97, Geoprobe soil sampling continues. Continue to cut up varnish tanks, and remove filters and liners from paint booth. Thirty-eight PCB soil samples shipped to lab.

On 1-8-97, continue to remove walls, filters, and liners from paint booth; power wash walls; and cut up varnish tanks. Geoprobe sampling complete; a total of fifty-nine PCB samples were collected. Four drums of PCB capacitors were shipped for disposal at Aptus. Seven lab pack containers were shipped to Environmental Services of America for disposal.

On 1-9-97, removal of paint booth walls complete. Continue to remove paint booth dryer, and cut up varnish tanks. PCB soil samples shipped to lab. Five drums of PCB ballasts were shipped to Environmental Recycling.

On 1-10-97, frozen areas salted due to slippery conditions. Continue to cut up varnish tanks and containerize residual contents.

##### B. Planned Removal Activities and Next Steps

1. Continue hazardous debris removal.
2. Decontaminate building surfaces, as necessary.
3. Confirm decontamination through analytical sampling.

##### C. Key Issues

Due to level of PCB contamination that remains throughout the facility and the weather, chemical decontamination and pressure washing has been abandoned. Plans have been made to conduct physical removal of contaminated concrete using a concrete planer.

## V. COST INFORMATION

Costs as of 1-9-97.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
U.S. EPA	\$ 44,000	\$ 12,212.50	\$ 31,787.50
START	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,812.50	\$ 7,187.50
ERCS	\$400,000	\$ 338,962.38	\$ 61,037.62
USCG	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,692.75	\$ 5,307.25
	<u>\$489,000</u>	<u>\$ 383,680.13</u>	<u>\$ 105,319.87</u>

Percent of project funds remaining = 21.5%

NOTE: The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

To date, 25 loads of PCB-contaminated debris have been shipped to the CWM facility in Model City, New York for disposal.

To date, 14 loads of non-hazardous debris have been shipped to the City Disposal Systems facility in Detroit, Michigan for disposal.

To date, 2,250 gallons of decon water have been shipped to the City Environmental facility in Detroit Michigan for disposal.

To date, one freon cylinder has been shipped to Golden Refrigerant Detroit in Wayne, Michigan for disposition.

To date, 551 gallons of flammable liquids have been shipped to the Michigan Recovery Systems facility in Romulus, Michigan for disposal.

To date, five yards of asbestos containing material have been shipped to the BFI facility in Wayne, Michigan for disposal.

To date, 135 gallons of corrosive liquids, 800 pounds of corrosive solids, and 350 gallons of roofing tar have been shipped to the Envotech facility in Belleville, Michigan for disposal.

To date, 250 gallons of paint related materials have been shipped to Michigan Recovery Systems in Romulus, Michigan for disposal.

To date, 80 pounds of aerosols, 20 pounds of Ammonia solutions, and 350 pounds of Latex paint have been shipped to the Environmental Services of America, Inc. facility in South Bend, Indiana for disposal.

To date, 1,753 pounds of PCB fluorescent light ballasts have been shipped to the Environmental Recycling facility in Toledo, Ohio for disposal.

To date, 809 Kilograms of PCB capacitors have been shipped to the Aptus, Inc. facility in Lakeville, Minnesota for disposal.